# AREOPAGITICA;

A

# SPEECH

OF

## Mr. JOHN MILTON

For the Liberty of VNLICENC'D PRINTING,

To the PARLAMENT of ENGLAND.

Τελέυθεον δ' ἐκεῖνο, εἴ τις θέλοι πόλει
Χρηστόν τι βέλτιμ' εἰς μέσον φέρειν, ἔχειν.
Καὶ ταῦθ' ὁ χρήζων, λαμπρὸς ἔστ', ὁ μὴ θέλων,
Σιγᾷ, τί τούτων ἔστιν ἰσοτίμτερον πόλει;

Euripid. Hicetid.

*This is true Liberty when free born men*
*Having to advise the public may speak free,*
*Which he who can, and will, deserv's high praise,*
*Who neither can nor will, may hold his peace;*
*What can be juster in a State then this?*

Euripid. Hicetid.

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